

PATENT
930008-2033

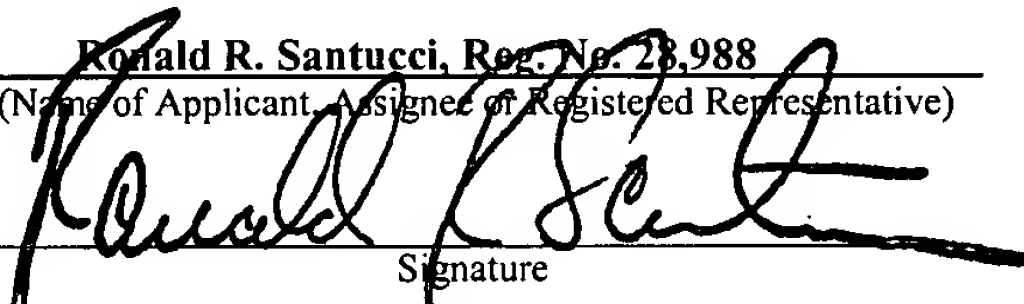
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : Pia SCHEU et al.
Serial No. : 09/786,011
For : **OLIGONUCLEOTIDES, METHOD AND KIT FOR
DETECTING LISTERIA MONOCYTOGENES BY
NUCLEIC ACID AMPLIFICATION AND/OR
NUCLEIC ACID HYBRIDIZATION**
Filed : June 11, 2001
Examiner : Jehanne E. Souaya
Art Unit : 1634
Confirmation No. : 6401

745 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10151

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Issue Fee, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on August 13, 2004.

Ronald R. Santucci, Reg. No. 28,988
(Name of Applicant, Assignee or Registered Representative)


Signature

August 13, 2004

Date of Signature

COMMUNICATION REGARDING FILING OF PRIORITY DOCUMENTS

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

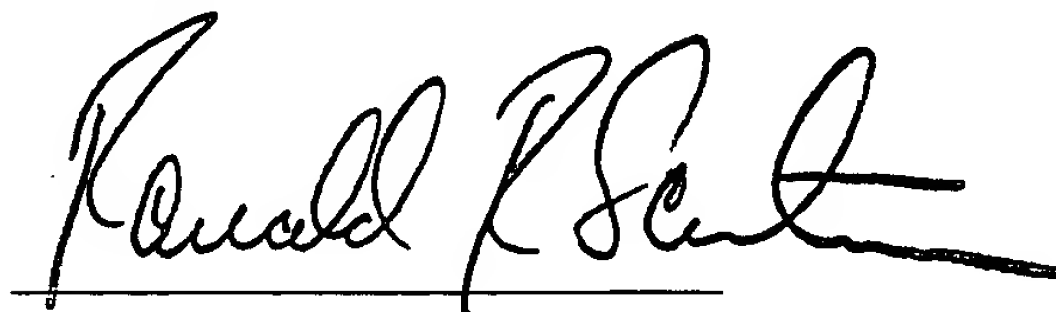
Dear Sir:

Applicants note that the Examiner has indicated that a certified English translation of the German priority application DE 198 400 44.6 was not submitted in the above application. A certified copy of German priority application DE 198 400 44.6 was provided to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office by the International Bureau during the international phase of this application. Applicants do not believe there is a further requirement to provide a certified English translation of the priority application in order to establish the priority claim.

Respectfully submitted,

FROMMER LAWRENCE & HAUG LLP

By:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ronald R. Santucci", written over a horizontal line.

Ronald R. Santucci
Reg. No. 28,988
(212) 588-0800